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5	Bengal	2702	Barnham	Ibiza	12-12	P & O Co
6	Shannon	2459	Wilcox	Aden	23-12	P & O Co
7	Oriental	3985	Jephson	Aden	6-1-1900	P & O Co
110	Scindian	1893	Curran	Calcutta	23-12	P & O Co
15	Don of Airlie	2239	Jarvis	Hamburg		M M & Co
16	Bosnagan	1509	Magarian	China	1-1-1900	Bibidina
	Dwarka	794	Livingstone		3-12	M M & Co

*Probable date of departure.

Time Ball drops at Prince's Dock at Noon, or Greenwich meantime, 7h. 8m. 44·3s

The Time Ball over the Clock Tower at the Bombay Castle enclosure to be dropped regularly at 1 p.m., of Colaba meantime, or 8h. 8m. 44·3s of Greenwich meantime.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
21	Simla s s	Bamber	Bareh, Dec 9
22	Unity s s	Hansen	Rangoon, Dec 12
	Okhla s s	Rickford	Rangoon, Dec 11
	Sentry Hill s s	Baker	Persian Gulf
	R I M S Dalhousie	Jarden	Kawar

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—

Steamer Chupra, Cruess, for Chittagong.
" Trieste, Metis, for Kobe.

The steamer Horsby Castle, for Marseilles, Liverpool, &c. entered for loading yesterday.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 23rd December, 1899.

1. There will be no Commanding Officer's Parade this afternoon.

2. The following member having joined is taken on the strength of the Corps from this date and posted to "G" Company:—No. 4784 Volunteer R E Dunbar.

3. The Head Quarters will be closed on the 25th and 26th instants for the Xmas Holidays.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Capt.,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR W. G. WILSON, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 23rd December, 1899.

1. The following member having joined has been taken on the strength of the Corps and posted to No. 2 Sub-division No. 1 Company—No. 685 Gunner S Davidson.

By Order,
A. J. PEILE, Captain, R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

NOTICE.

DANCE.—Owing to the number of applications for tickets for the Dance on the 30th instant that have had to be refused, the Committee have arranged for another dance to be held on Saturday, January 13th, providing sufficient tickets are applied for early. Further particulars can be seen on the Club Notice Board.

HIGH COURT.—DECEMBER 23.

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice CROWE.)

For Dismissal.

310 and 311-99—Pestonjee R and K—Chandbibi and others v Memon Haji Ellas Ali and another—Mulji and K.

Long Causes.

384-99—Little and Co—Sakerbai and another vs Vullubdas Jamnadas and others—Mansukial D and J. Part heard.

614-98—Sorabjee and J—Fukroodin Khan Alias Fuckoo Miya bin Hajee Khan vs Mahomed Hoosein bin Miya Hajee Abdool Cader Nowrangay and others—Payne & S and Co.

256-99—Mansukilal D and J—Caitano Camillo Borgos vs Augusto Mathias Pinto—S rabjee and J.

215-99—Krishnarbai H and D—Jamsetjee Nasserwanjee Tata vs The Ahmedabad Advance Spg and Wg Co Ld and another—Nanu and H. Bhaibhukhr and K.

443-99—Wadia and Co—Purshotum Shewji vs Khatao Dedhar and another—Bhaishanker and K.

459-99—Bhaishunker and K—Khatao Dedhar vs Purshotum Shewjee—Wadia and Co.

76-99—Mansukilal D and J—Bai Dahi Alias Navivahu vs Hurgowanda Jeewanji—Majee and B and Little and Co.

376-99—Sorabji and J—Pirojsha Rustonjee Wadia vs Framroz Jamsaed Aga—Dadhiaty and F.

357-98—Sorabjee and J—Abdool Hoosein Nazmudin vs Framroze Jamshed Aga—Dadiaty and F.

486-98—Dadhiaty and F—Abdool Hoosein Nazmudin vs Framroze Jamshed Aga—Sorabjee and J.

383-99—Dadhiaty and F—Framroz Jamsed Aga vs Abdool Hoosein Nazmudin—Sorabjee and J.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

THURSDAY.—DECEMBER, 21.

10 p.m.	74·8

FRIDAY NIGHT.—DECEMBER, 22.

6 a.m.	70·4
10 a.m.	78·3
12 p.m.	80·7
4 p.m.	82·7

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 22th December, 1899.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	21	11	a.m.	12	32
Teheran	22	1	38 p.m	—	34
Suez	22	2	15 p.m.	—	52

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m., of the 22 h December, 1899.

	Maximum Time. H.	M.	Minimum Time. H.	M.
From Calcutta	2	12	—	6
" Karachi	—	16	—	2
" Madras	3	18	—	1

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY.

(Compiled for despatch by the Weekly Mail to Europe.)

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BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 22.

ALL Bombay Markets have been quiet throughout the week if one excepts Government paper in which bears were busy. The news from South Africa of the misfortunes at the Tugela River and the intelligence of the effect produced thereby on the price of Consols, combined to lower Government Paper. A week ago Consols were at 102 1-16 and by a continuous fall they yesterday reached 98 1-4, that figure representing a further drop of 1-2 during the last twenty-four hours reported upon. French Rentes which began the week at 99 ex. rose in two days by successive increments of 1-4 to 99 1-2 on Wednesday, but on Thursday dropped the whole of this gain and stand at 99. Indian Sterling and Loan Rupee Securities have both shared the general depression and have fallen respectively from 108 to 106 and from £63 1-2 to £62 1-2. Paris Exchange on London on Thursday advanced to 35·30, while London Exchange on India continued unchanged. In London Silver declined in the course of the week from 27 7-16d. per oz. to 27 1-8d., losing 1-16 on Thursday, while in New York it has returned to 59 1-8 as at the beginning of the week, after having risen 1-8 on Tuesday. Demand Exchange on London in New York is at 4·87 1-2 dols.

The Bank of Bombay on Thursday raised their rate of discount to 7 per cents., the rate in London remaining 6 3-4 since the rise of 1-4 on Wednesday.

Government paper has had many vicissitudes, but all with a downward tendency. Last Friday it was at 96 3-8 for Cash and 96 7-16 for Account, with 92 for three per cents. On Saturday the first news of Sir Redvers Buller's defeat sent it down 1-4 to 96 1-8. Monday opened at 96 and after a momentary recovery to 96 3-16 it closed at 96 1-16. On Tuesday these securities made the acquaintance of 94 7-8, and got back with difficulty to 95; but on Wednesday they opened at 94 1-4 and after touching 94 1-8 closed at 94 13-16. On Thursday things were a little firmer and prices struggled back to 94 7-8 at closing time. To-day the Market opened at 94 3-4 and after a temporary rise to Rs. 94 7-8 returned to 94 3 4 before closing. 3 per cent. quoted 90 nominal and 4 per cent. Port Trust Bonds at 98-8.

The following is a note of the Government Promissory Notes enfaced from Bombay to London and from London to Bombay at Bombay between the 18th and 22nd December.

	₹1-2 per cents.
From Bombay to London	14,500
From London to Bombay	87,500

EXCHANGE has really been without features throughout the week and the business done has been small. Telegraphic has virtually been constant at 1s. 4 3-32d. and Demand at 1s. 4 1-8d. The market all day has been quiet without change and we quote at closing:—

Bank Bills on Demand		1s. 4 1-8d.
" "	Telegraphic	1s. 4 3-32d.
" "	3 months' sight	1s. 4 9-32d.
Credit		1s. 4 1-2d.
Francs		173 1-2s.

On China Mercantile Bills 30 days' sight:—

Hongkong	Rs.	143 per	100 dols.
Shanghai	"	194 "	100 Tls.
Japan	"	149 "	100 yarns.

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending the 20th inst. show the following results:—

Total Bullion	£ 29 303,000	a Dec. of £ 500,000
Public Deposits	£ 6,100,000	an Inc. of £ 500,000
Other "	£ 40 000,000	" " £ 3 800,000
Other Securities	£ 35 300 000	" " £ 5,100,000
Notes and Gold	£ 17,300,000	Dec. £ 700,000

Bank's reserve is 37 per cent. of the Liabilities.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet yesterday with arrivals steady. Surats are reported dull with no sales. The total sales of the day were 10,000 bales, the sales for Speculation and for Export were 500 bales and the total day's imports 1,000 bales. Spot Middling Americans lost 1-32 to 4 10-32, while forwards dropped 3-64 to the following quotations:—

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Mar.-Apr.	Apr.-May.
4·3	4·4	4·0	3·63

The Local Cotton Market is steady but with small business passing. Broach, March, Good, is at Rs. 213, Bengal Fully Good, January, at Rs. 178 and Bhawnagar, May, Good, at Rs. 196. Some 2,100 bales have been taken by Mills at prices varying from Rs. 180 for Nagar to Rs. 202 for Kumthi.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool, via Canal, without commission, viz.:—

	Per Candy.	Per lb. C. & F.
Bengal, Fine	Rs.	184—3 3-4
Do. Fully Good	"	178—3 21-32
Do. Good	"	171—3 17-32
Belatee, Fine	"	201—4 1-32
Fully Good	"	196—3 13-16
Kumtahi, Fully Good	"	186—3 13-16
Oomra, Fully Good	"	201—4 1-32
Dholleras, Fine	"	———
Do. Fully Good	"	———
Do. Good	"	———
Do. do. May 1900	"	195—3 3-32
S. G. Dharwar, Good	"	———
Westerns	"	———
Broach, Fine	"	———
Do. Good	"	206—4 1-8
Do. Do. March, 1900	"	211—4 9-32

The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparisons with the previous two years:—

Receipts	1899. Bales	1898. Bales	1897. Bales.
For the week	42,779	56,014	29,972
From 1st Jan. to 21st Dec. 1899	2,010,384	1,901,746	1,415,066
Clearances to Great Britain and Continent.			
For the week	1,602	3,575	850
From 1st Jan. to 20th Dec. 1899	495,322	474,434	497,055
Clearances to China, Japan, Calcutta, &c.			
For the week	230	417	
From 1st Jan. to 21st Dec. 1899	558,510	430 555	436,378

The comparative imports of Wheat and Seeds are as under:—

	1899. Cwts.	1898. Cwts.	1897. Cwts
Wheat for the week	30,991	94,415	39,977
Do. from 1st Jan. to 21st Dec.	5,090,976	8,070,515	1,857,815
Linseed for the week	6,005	26,793	24,392
Do. from 1st Jan. to 21st Dec.	2,073,734	2,591,427	575,457
Rapeseed for the week	453	13,809	5,992
Do. from 1st Jan. to 21st Dec.	1,951,922	2,123,527	1,830,273
Gingelly for the week	141,935	133,471	98,094
Do. from 1st Jan. to 21st Dec.	1,807,123	2,071,347	1,041,367

The clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows:—

	1899. Cwts.	1898. Cwts.	1897. Cwts.
Wheat for the week	———	———	———
Do. from 1st January to 21st December	2,852,857	5,715,530	2 913
Linseed for the week	2,004	1,970	20,451
Do. from 1st January to 21st December	2,125,033	2,091,611	705,033
Rapeseed for the week	2,009	2,000	23,071
Do. from 1st January to 21st December	1,936,074	2,363,895	1,851,220
Gingellyseed for the week	108 205	6,050	37,781
Do. from 1st January to 21st December	1 542,012	1,721,794	663,942

The local Piece Goods Market has necessarily been quiet in the presence of general suffering and want arising from failure of crops. The demand from Guzerat, Kathiawar, Marwar, and Cutch is, of course, of the slightest and up-country buyers in general take only what they require from day to-day. At the same time rates are firm and show an upward tendency as indeed is inevitable under present conditions. The business done in Grey Goods amounts to about 3,000 packages and local made Goods about 1,500 bales. For the latter there is small demand. Bleached Goods are firm and there is still a speculative demand for this description. There is no change either in Dyed and Turkey Red Goods or in Local products. Spinners of well known makes of Indian yarn are firm and demand higher prices. Official quotations are as follows:—

YARN.

Twist	No.	6s	Mule.	As.	3 3-4	to	4 1-4	per lb.
"	"	8s	"	"	3 7-8	"	4 3-8	"
"	"	10s	"	"	4	"	5	"
"	"	12s	"	"	4 1-8	"	5 1-8	"
"	"	16s	"	"	4 1-2	"	5 1-2	"
"	"	20s	"	"	4 3-4	"	5 3-4	"
"	"	24s	"	"	5 1-4	"	6	"
"	"	30s	"	"	6 1-4	"	7	"
"	"	40s	"	"	7 1-4	"	8	"

WHEAT.—Business small, Market quiet.

White Persy, 91 per cent	35-0-0	per candy Bazar terms.
Do.	35	"
No. 1 Pub Delhi	4-15-0	" 5-10-0 April-May 1900
Red Delhi	4-13-0	"
Hard Yellow	38-42	" Bazar terms.
Red Ahmedabad	38	" "
Hard Red	35	" "

SEEDS.—Business small, Market quiet.

Linseed	Rs. 8-2	Ready	May 1900 7-12
Rapeseed, Yellow Gujerat	6-12	D. B. Received.	
Do. Cawnpore	6-9	April-May 1900 6-11	
Do. Red Do.	6-3		
Gingelly, White	42	per candy	Bazar terms.
Do. Mixed	39	"	"

COAL.—Sales have been reported during the week, of Wilson's South Yorkshire, December shipment, Rs. 19 3-4; Jardin's for next year shipment, Rs. 14 and Raniganj Bengal for December-January, Rs. 12 per ton.

Importers are asking rupees 23 for Cardiff and 21 for Davison's W. Hartly, for early shipment next year.

Market closes quiet.

Our Coal Market closes for Xmas holidays, from 24th December 1899 to 2nd January 1900.

We quote alongside:—

	Per Ton. Rs.
Welsh Hartley	Nil
West Do.	21
Australian	Nil
Powell's	2
Cardiff	21
Japan	13 1-2
Singareni	13 1-2
Deshagur Bengal	15
Mair's Navigation Bengal	13 1-4
Jardine's Bengal	13-3-4
Seebpore Bengal	14

FREIGHTS have been quiet throughout the week and rates were to-day unchanged. December sellers are asking 16s. January for Antwerp is quoted at 14s. 6d., Dunkirk, 14s. 6d., Havre 15s., and Hamburg 15s. 6d. to 16s.

A London telegram states that yesterday morning Consols fell to 98. In the afternoon, however market grew strong and at 3 o'clock the rates stood at 98 1-2. Government paper is quoted at 62 1-4. Market is said to be harder.

According to a London telegram the French Bank rate has been raised by 1 per cent. Consols were quoted at 98-1-4 on Thursday evening.

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

FERNANDES—December 21, at [illegible] Bombay, the wife of Dr C[illegible]

GHELLABHAI—[illegible] Native Officer, Bandra Chowpatty, at 4 [illegible] friends and relatives.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** ALL communications intended for publication in our columns should be addressed to the Editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1899.

"THE Nineteenth and Their Times, being an account of the Four Cavalry Regiments in the British Army that have borne the number Nineteen and of the Campaigns in which they served, by Colonel John Biddulph" (Murray, London) will be read by every soldier who lays his hands on it. The civilian too should read it, if only to learn something of the vicissitudes by sea and land which during the last hundred and fifty years gave variety and interest to the steady growth of the British Isles into a World-Empire, on which the sun never sets. The regiment of the present day is the Nineteenth Princess of Wales' Own Hussars. It owes its origin to the Mutiny, which compelled the Honorable East India Company to raise European regiments in hot haste to fight and replace the revolted Native regiments. It received its present number when it was transferred to the Crown on the supersession of Jehan Kumpani Bahadur, which in its day had done a great work in Empire-building. The first of the Nineteenths was called into existence in 1759, during the Seven Years War, by a Royal Warrant of George II., "To his Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Cousin and Councillor, the Duke of Bedford, Lieutenant-General and Governor-General of Ireland," authorising him to accept the proposal of the Earl of Drogheda to raise a regiment of Light Dragoons. The warrant ordained that a sum of £6,750 should be paid to his lordship for 450 horses, at the rate of £15 for each horse, and £766 to the Master and Principal Officers of the Ordnance for 432 firelocks and bayonets. In consequence of an application from Lord Drogheda the Master General was instructed that the orders relating to the Magistrates attesting that the men enlisted were Protestants, might be dispensed with, the proper certificates from the clergymen of the parishes that the men were such being sufficient. In the following year the King died, and the war came to an end in 1763. During that time "Drogheda's Horse" remained in Ireland, and the regiment had no history. There was a reduction of the Army, the 18th Light Dragoons becoming the 17th, and the 19th becoming the 18th. Under that number it fought with distinction in the West Indies, in Holland, the Peninsula, at Waterloo, and was disbanded in 1821. Up to that time Lord Drogheda continued to be Colonel Commandant—an unbroken term of service of 62 years in one regiment probably unparalleled in the British or in any army. But from the year 1779 there was another Nineteenth in being. It came into existence at a time described in the Annual Register as presenting the "most awful appearance of public affairs which this country had perhaps beheld for many ages." Colonel Biddulph with full warrant says that the condition of affairs was truly alarming. Great Britain had been at hand grips with her three million revolted colonists in America since 1755. The Ministry was incapable and the war was mismanaged. Many disasters had occurred while the successes were barren of results. In March, 1778, France, which had been helping the "rebels" secretly, openly took their part and sent troops under Rochambeau and Lafayette to co-operate with General Washington. They did not accomplish much, but in the next year Spain joined the coalition. The national spirit in England was roused; new regiments were raised, and the militia embodied, and the whole country put in a state of defence.

It was under these circumstances that a royal warrant of George III. addressed to "Our Trusty and Well-beloved Cousin Russell Manners" authorised that loyal subject to raise a regiment, to be under his command, by "beat of drum or otherwise," and directing Justices of the Peace to assist him by providing quarters, impressing carriages, or otherwise. On the same day, 25th April 1779, two other regiments of Light Dragoons were founded. The Nineteenth received drafts from the 1st and 2nd Dragoon Guards. When inspected on Leyden Heath by Lieutenant General Johnston, its effective strength was 355 non-commissioned officers and privates with 347 horses. The Inspecting General reported that the officers wore scarlet with silver button-holes and green lappels and were "mostly young genteel men with a good air, and great attention, and tolerable horsemen." There was a great piece of work two years later when it was found that the clothing-money of the men drafted from other regiments had been paid to the wrong person and restitution was ordered to be made to the Colonels of the 1st and 2nd Dragoon Guards. The regiment saw no service, and peace following the recognition of American Independence in 1782 this Nineteenth was disbanded in 1783. But another Nineteenth was even then in the making. The affairs of the nation were bad enough in 1779, but they were even worse in 1781. In the January of that year we were at war with Holland as well as with France, Spain, and the revolted Colonies. The navy had to yield the command of the sea to the enemies; the French and Spaniards had laid seige to Gibraltar in July, 1779, which continued besieged till February, 1883, the only relief possible being occasional reinforcements or supplies of provisions. In October, 1781, Cornwallis was compelled to capitulate with his whole army at Yorktown, and the Colonies were lost. In India affairs looked desperate. We were at war at once with the three most formidable of the Native Powers—Mysore, the Mahrattas, and the Nizam of Hyderabad Hyder Ali swept over the Carnatic like a hurricane and defeated the British officers sent to resist the invader, Sir Eyre Coote won one or two victories, but his want of cavalry made them of little avail. The Honourable Company's civilian troops were the dregs of the King's lot, it might be said even of the gaol with no idea of honour or discipline. The French had a good cavalry and one of their regiments served with Hyder Ali's 25,000 famous horsemen. It was under these circumstances, when the English cause was almost lost, that the Company asked the Government for the loan of a regiment of cavalry. The Crown on September 24, 1781, issued a warrant to Sir John Burgoyne, of the 14th Light Dragoons, a relative of General Burgoyne who surrendered at Saratoga in 1777, to raise and command another regiment of Light Dragoons. That was first designated the Twenty-Third and afterwards the Nineteenth Regiment. Sir John Burgoyne was ordered to take the new regiment to India and was given the local rank of Major-General. The regiment received its officers and probably drafts of men, from six other corps of Light Dragoons. It embarked for India in December, 1781, and was the first regiment of the royal army that landed in India. "George R." gave particular instructions to Sir John Burgoyne that before embarking he was to call together the officers under his command and recommend them to avoid all manner of disputes with the Company's officers, and to use their utmost endeavours to live with them in the utmost harmony "as the contrary behaviour will be very displeasing to Us as well as detrimental to the service." The regiment left Portsmouth in two ships, convoyed, with two newly-raised infantry regiments, by the East India fleet. It was known that a combined French and Spanish fleet was cruising to intercept the convoy, which created some alarm. After a ten-months' voyage the fleet anchored in Bombay harbour, and there proceeded to Madras where the reinforcements were sorely needed. The whole of the British establishments in the South of India were in peril, everything there was discord and disaster. Trincomalee was in the hands of the French, and Bombay was the only port in which shattered British ships could refit. Saffron held the seas, at times in superior force, and threatened the coast, while Hyder and the French held the field. Famine raged in Madras and the whole country

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

NEWS FROM LADYSMITH.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Official news from Pietermaritzburg states that seven were killed and twelve wounded at Ladysmith on the 18th inst., but no explanation is given as to how it occurred.

PRINCE FRANCIS OF TECK.

Prince Francis of Teck has sailed for South Africa with his regiment.

NOTHING FROM THE FRONT.

Nothing further has been received from the seat of war.

MORE BLUE-JACKETS FOR THE CAPE.

The Admiralty is despatching another naval force of 700 men to strengthen the Naval Brigade now serving in South Africa.

LORD KITCHENER'S MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Lord Kitchener arrived at Cairo this evening, and left immediately for Alexandria.

THE ACTING SIRDAR.

Colonel Wingate has been appointed acting Sirdar in Lord Kitchener's absence.

LORD ROBERTS' STAFF.

Lord Roberts' staff consist of General Pretyman, Colonel Viscount Downe, Majors Cowan, Henderson, and Hume, Captains Waterfield, Herbert, Scott, and Lord Settrington, besides Commander the Hon. Seymour Fortescue, Naval Aide-de-Camp.

THE PRISONERS IN PRETORIA.

LETTER FROM AN OFFICER.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

A letter from an officer of the Gloucester Regiment, who is a prisoner at Pretoria, is published. In it he says: "We offered to get up a polo team here, but they said they would not care for us to be mounted. The Colonel of the 18th Hussars and some of their officers are here, as well as representatives of the Irish Fusiliers, K. R. R., and Dublin Fusiliers, so we make up a big party of about fifty. We run a small mess, supplementing our rations with delicacies, such as jam and vegetables. Our letters are subject to the censorship of somebody, so I can give you no account yet of our show. Altogether it was full of startling and quaint incidents. Captain Duncan is very well, he was only slightly wounded. We have been well treated.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

LORD SALISBURY AT WINDSOR.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Lord Salisbury had a prolonged audience of Her Majesty the Queen at Windsor to-day.

ANOTHER DROP IN CONSOLS.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Consols to-day fell ¼ and close at 98⅛.

LADY JENKINS' VISIT TO CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 22.

Lady Jenkins, wife of the Chief Justice of Bombay, has arrived at Calcutta, and is staying with the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Woodburn.

THE VICEROY'S COUNCIL.

The first Viceregal Council Meeting of the session took place to-day, most of the non-official members attending. The proceedings, which were of a formal nature, included a reference of the Whipping Bill, the Transfer Property Bill, and Prisoners' Bill to Select Committees, and the introduction of a Bill to Amend the Indian Articles of War, which, Mr. Ellis Ordell explained, was to legalise the long-existing practice of Commanding Officers of native regiments discharging unattested recruits and men under three years standing, who failed to become efficient. The next meeting will be held on the 5th January.

THE VICEROY'S LEVEE.

H. E. the Viceroy's Levee was held to-night.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

L. E. Emile, I. H. Donnelland, A. G. Lawrence, G. C. Rehling, C. Thompson and C. W. Montgomery are admitted into the Bombay Subordinate Medical Department.

Major-General D. J. S. Meleod succeeds to good service pension, vacated by General Prendergast.

Consequent on the appointment of Colonel Neville Chamberlain, to Lord Roberts' Staff in South Africa, Brigadier-General More Molyneux continues to officiate in Command of the Bundelkhand District and Colonels Richardson and Dening stand fast as Colonels-on-Staff, at Cawnpore and Ferozepore, respectively.

Lieutenant-Colonel Belfield, commanding 2nd West Riding Regiment, Rangoon, proceeds to South Africa, as Assistant Adjutant-General, Seventh Division.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Mougla Ouog, from Calcutta, becomes Deputy Accountant General, Burma, vice Mr. Anthony, who goes to the Punjab, vice Mr. Padsaji, who goes to Bombay as Deputy Accountant General.

Mr. Scott O'Connor becomes Assistant Accountant General, Burma, vice Mr. Majumdar, appointed Assistant Accountant General, Bengal.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Commander H. B. Hooper's retirement is gazetted.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Beadon Bryant, Assistant Inspector-General, Forests, is granted twenty months' leave, from the 4th March.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The port of St. Vincent is closed against all ports infected with plague.

Pilgrimage to the ensuing Magh Mela at Allahabad from infected areas is prohibited.

Particulars of all Railway projects considered at the last Railway Conference are to-day published here.

PROPOSED MUNICIPALISATION OF TRAMWAYS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, Dec. 22.

The proposal of the Madras Municipality to purchase the Electric Tramways has been objected by the Madras Government. The latter are opposed to the Municipality raising the necessary loan of fifteen lakhs of rupees on security of the rates and taxes, as the present loans are considered to be as much as ought to be raised on this security.

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Dr. Miller has been elected to the seat on the Legislative Council, vacated by Mr. G. H. Stuart, who has become Director of Public Instruction, by the Senate of the Madras University.

NEWS FROM BELUCHISTAN.

QUETTA, Dec. 21.

The arrival of Mr. H. S. Barnes, C.S.I., Chief Commissioner of Beluchistan, at Quetta, on Wednesday, was made the occasion of great rejoicing. At the railway station there was a large gathering, including Major-General Wylie, C. S. I., Officiating Agent to the Governor-General; Brigadier-General Sir Reginald Hart, V. C., K. C. B.; and all the civil and military officers. The Suffolk Regiment, with band, together with the Volunteers, were present as a guard-of-honour.

The arms and the cattle of the clan to which Mach Ghazi belonged have been sequestrated until they pay the fine the Government has imposed because of the murder of Probationer Guard Dicks. If similar treatment is meted out always it will have an immensely deterrent effect, the Baluch loving money, arms and cattle as his life.

Rain has fallen steadily for the last twenty-four hours, doing great good. Snow is impending. Reports from around represent rain as general in Beluchistan.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, Dec. 22.

Brevet-Major Bowes, Royal Scots Fusiliers, having been appointed as Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General on District Staff in the Bombay Command, is posted to the Nagpur District.

The Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces is pleased to make the following appointments:—

9th Bombay Infantry—2nd-Lieutenant Barr, officiating Wing Officer, 16th Bombay Infantry, is transferred in the same capacity.

13th Bombay Infantry—2nd-Lieutenant Melles, officiating Wing Officer, 30th Bombay Infantry, is transferred in the same capacity from the 17th November.

Army Veterinary Department—On the transfer from the Punjab to the Bombay Command Veterinary Lieutenant Bolton is posted for duty to the Chief Veterinary Hospital, Neemuch; Veterinary Lieutenant Moor, now doing duty at Chief Station Veterinary Hospital, Neemuch, is transferred for duty to Chief Station Veterinary Hospital, Kirkee.

The undermentioned Officers have qualified for promotion:—To rank of Lieutenant—1st Battalion Royal Fusiliers—2nd-Lieutenant Gardner, 2nd-Lieutenant Forester, and 2nd-Lieutenant Meinertzhagan; 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment—2nd-Lieutenant Greenwood and 2nd-Lieutenant Buchanan-Dunlop.

Under instructions from the War Office it is notified that Captain Nevison on promotion to that rank from 4th Battery, R.F.A., has been posted to the 16th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, vice Captain Brendon promoted.

Under instruction from the War Office, Lieutenant Kirkpatrick, 1st Battalion East Kent Regiment, is directed to proceed to England for duty at Regimental Depot, travelling at public expense.

Under instructions from War Office, Lieutenant Ollivant, 1st Battalion Royal Fusiliers, who has been appointed Subaltern in Chinese Regiment, is directed to proceed at once to Wei-hai-Wei, travelling at the expense of Imperial Funds.

Under instruction from the War Office Lieutenants Milner and Daniell, 2nd Royal Irish Regiment, who have been selected for promotion are directed to proceed at once to South Africa and join the 1st battalion to which they will be posted. They will travel at public expense.

The Government of India, with the approval of the Secretary of State, have been pleased to decide that messing allowance, sanctioned by India Army Circular clause 92, dated 1st June, 1898, should be given with arrears from 1st June, 1899, to all soldiers who elected the new rules on or before 31st March, provided they are otherwise eligible for allowance.

The War Office have intimated that soldiers who have been awarded meritorious service medal will not be required in future to surrender good conduct medal if he is in possession of that decoration but that he will not be allowed to wear the latter. The Queen's regulations will be amended accordingly when next they are revised. The Government of India have decided that ordnance baggage mules which on being cast fail to fetch minimum prices of Rs. 25 and Rs. 15, respectively, at public auction should be destroyed.

The following Officers have been detailed to attend the Royal Artillery practice camp at Henjouri, commencing on 1st January:—Lieutenant-Colonel Reily, 28th Bombay Pioneers; Major Hallett, 2nd Battalion Royal Scots; Major Moody, 1st Battalion East Kent Regiment; Major Barton, 1st Battalion Norfolk Regiment; Major Thompson, 1st Bombay Lancers; Major Delisle, 3rd Bombay Light Infantry; and Major Montgomery, 21st Bombay Infantry.

Attention of all concerned is invited to the Deputy Adjutant General's, Bombay Command, circular No 1985 A., dated 11th December.

The undermentioned Officer has been permitted by the Secretary of State for India to return to duty:—Lieutenant Cassely, 20th Bombay Infantry.

The undermentioned Officers have been granted leave of absence:—Lieutenant William, 1st Battalion East Kent Regiment, for 13 months, on private affairs, out of India; Lieutenant Ternan, 1st Battalion East Kent Regiment, for 12 months, on private affairs, out of India; and Major Apthorp, 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Regiment, to 15th October, on private affairs, out of India.

The undermentioned officer has been granted extension of leave:—Major Carthew Yorstoun, 4th Bombay Cavalry, for 3 months, on medical certificate, granted by the Secretary of State for India.

THE BAHADRAK-BARANG SECTION OF THE B.-N. RAILWAY.

The Bahadrak-Barang section of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway has been re-opened for all descriptions of traffic and that any number of troops can now be conveyed by this line.

DISTURBANCE ON THE FRONTIER.

LAHORE, Dec. 20.

The gang of Waziri high-way robbers who shot four military policemen at a place, called Zaraojeho, about 9 miles from Wano, and took away their rifles and arms, appear to have fled up the Kaaisera Pass. Teither the picquets, in spite of the intense cold, followed through nullahs and streams, the water in which was frozen. The robbers were not however captured.—*Pioneer.*

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macnaill left here this afternoon.

PLYMOUTH, Dec. 21.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer Arabia arrived here this afternoon.

COLOMBO, Dec. 22.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. India left here for Aden at daylight yesterday.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Clyde left here yesterday evening, and is expected to arrive in Bombay at 10 a.m., on Monday next.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats dull.

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The Manchester Market has been quiet.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	98 1-4
3 per cent. Rentes	99
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	105
3½ per cent. Rupee Papers	62 1-2
Bar Silver	27 1-8

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results:—Total Bullion, £24,340,000; Decrease, £250,000; Public Deposits, £5,100,000; Increase £500,000; Other Deposits, 40,600,000; Increase £3,800,000; Other Securities, £35,300,000; Increase, £5,100,000; Notes and Gold, £17,340,000; Decrease £700,000. The Bank's Reserve is 37 per cent. of the Liabilities.

TRANSVAAL WAR FUND.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Amount already advised	36,085	10	10
E I A	10	0	0
Anonymous	10	0	0
T L Malony, Esq	30	0	0
J & J Muir	200	0	0
Surgeon General Bainbridge	200	0	0
Major H P Dunmock	100	0	0
Major H E Cree	20	0	0
G N Taylor, Esq	50	0	0
H H Swan, Esq	50	0	0
H Windon, Esq	100	0	0
E F Nicholson, Esq	75	0	0
Lieut F Scarfe	15	0	0
B J B Stephens, Esq	50	0	0
C O Corrin, Esq	10	0	0
European Members of the Loco. Staff G I P Ry. at Ratnpuri, one day's pay each	451	7	0
Pemberton	100	0	0
J G M Rennie, Esq	100	0	0
Dr A C Patrick	10	0	0
Manoharlall, Esq	200	0	0
C H Moore, Esq	10	0	0
C M M ore, Esq	10	0	0
F M Moore, Esq	10	0	0
R P M	5	0	0
M E M	15	0	0
K M C M	15	0	0
Workshop, H G V Ry, at Sivangaon, Jamgaon and Wagla	35	0	0
Total	37,907	1	10

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Bombay, Dec. 22.

ARRIVAL OF R. I. M. S. DALHOUSIE.

The Royal Indian Marine steamer Dalhousie, Commander L. S. Warden, arrived in harbour yesterday from Ratnagiri and Karwar, where she had conveyed convicts, from Bombay; after having disembarked them to the above places returned to Bombay with the following passengers on board. Assistant Surgeon George, Deputy Jailor N. Rustomjee, 60 policemen, and 3 warders. The vessel will remain in Bombay for about five months for repairs.

PASSENGERS PER S. S. TRIESTE.

The Austrian Lloyds s. s. Trieste, Captain A. Mitis will sail to-day from Victoria dock, No 4, for China and Japan with the following passengers, Medical Examination at the dock at 12-30 p.m. :—

Mr J Sugmeister	Mr A Haidmann
Mr A Del Medi Co	Miss A Zimmer
3rd C Bremer	Mr and Mrs A Seyman

TABLE TALK.

By WALTER BESANT.

LONDON, Dec. 1.

From time to time the sprightly lady whose humour it is to call herself "Ouida" enjoys herself and amuses her readers, by having a good fling all round especially about things literary. Such a fling "Ouida" has had in the November number of the "Fortnightly Review." She began by throwing mud at the Society of Authors, which she calls "an association for the multiplication and publication of inferior books." The society has nothing whatever to do with either the multiplication or the publication of any books superior or inferior. The one and only function of the society is the defence of literary property in the interests of those who create it. It is rather late in the day to invent a new programme for a society which has been at work a dozen years. And if ore wishes to injure or misrepresent any kind of work, it is inartistic to attempt such injury by statements which are on the face on them absurd. "Ouida's" next goes on to attack the literary agent, who, is appears, is partly guilty of the "enormous increase of rubbish of all kinds which is doing so much injury to English literary reputation." How the literary agent, who can only "place" works which are in demand by publishers, can be in any sense responsible for rubbish the writer does not explain.

But about this mass of rubbish. "Ouida" says that it is "appalling." Whom does it appal? Not the general reader, because he is not called upon to read it; not the writer of reputation, because any amount of rubbish neither affects his style, nor his clientele; not the bookseller, because he simply does not buy the rubbish, nor does he offer it to the public. In fact, the output of rubbish cannot be held to affect anything or anybody, unless it can be proved that the rubbish is actually bought and read. And it could only be bought by readers who may be supposed to be uncritical and ignorant of what constitutes good literature. "Where is it to end?" "Ouida" asks. Really one does not know, and it does not matter. Again, "Ouida" confesses that she does not read English books. How, then, does she know that the great output contains so much rubbish? The reason way there are so many books, good or bad, is simply that the demand is enormous and that the literary market is increasing yearly; that publishers naturally desire to make money; that the prizes of name and fame and fortune stimulate writers; that their vanity often makes them pay for the production of worthless books; that nine-tenths, at least, of the books issued are not published, because they are never offered to the public; they are printed, it is true; a few copies are bound; perhaps a few find their way into the circulating library. And that is about the whole of the harm done by the "enormous increase of rubbish." If, however, which does not seem to be the case, "Juida" refers to the mass of cheap periodicals, the answer is (1) that a considerable number of the cheap periodicals are not rubbish; (2) that the readers and buyers are that vast class which have only just begun to find reading the most pleasant way of passing time in railway carriages and tramcars. In one word, we may disregard the rubbish altogether, and do our best to make people understand what is good literature, what books they should read, and what they should buy.

There are other points—many others—touched upon in this all-round "fling." Among others, the difficulty of obtaining redress in case of libel or plagiarism. "Ouida" complains that a whole section of a novel by herself was copied in a novel published in a certain magazine; that she called the editor's attention to the subject; that she was assured by him that the so-called author had never seen the work in question; and that she was obliged to sit down without any redress. Quite so. Now, had "Ouida" been a member of the Society of Authors, whose work she misrepresents, she would have laid the whole case before the committee. Had it been, as she says, a clear case of piracy, the committee would certainly have taken up the case, at no cost to herself. They would have commenced an action. They would have obtained an injunction against the sale or the continuance of the plagiarism, and there would have been an end; and all without any expense on "Ouida" herself. Then "Ouida" finds fault with the Courts of Law on account of the "odious publicity." Justice must be public. It is of the very essence of justice to insist on publicity. The kind of moral cowardice so common among us all of shrinking from the Law Courts on account of publicity is the real cause—that and nothing else—of the libels complained of. A hundred cases have been brought before the committee of the Society of Authors of wrongs and injuries which have been abandoned because the injured person dared not face the "odious publicity." And here we leave "Ouida" till her next fling around.

How many are there of all those who are carried into Scotland by the line between Newcastle and Edinburgh who look out of the window? Yet there are plenty of things to see as one gets near the Border and beyond it; there are places where the shore breaks away in gaps or "gates," or little ravines opening out to the sea; there are bays one after the other where the land is protected by black serrated rocks, their teeth ready to tear up and destroy any who tried to land; there are hillsides with hanging woods still preserving their leaves, brown and red and yellow, with a foreground through which winds a dainty little stream, and over the stream bending birches; then one may catch glimpses of old keeps and strong places, put up to protect the people against the pirates of the north. There are little towns, these houses huddled together for protection, such as Alnmouth, where the river Aln runs into the sea; there are islands out at sea—Holy Island, the Farne Islands, the Bass Rock—mysterious, bathed in the soft, sad light of a fine November day. Lift up your eyes, my friends. Set down that book soon after you leave Newcastle, and look out of window all the way as far as Dunbar. After that, I believe you may resume your novel.

One of the reasons why I went north was to talk about the Bureau for the Employment of Women. This is going to become, one of these days, a very big thing—one of the biggest things possible in the way of associations. There are a dozen different branches which it can undertake as soon as the committee settle down to their work. At present they are engaged in the necessary preliminary clearing of the ground, which means, especially, the inspiring of confidence and the recognition of the Bureau as a really helpful body. It seems to me that there is one branch of work which is so intimately associated with the objects of the Bureau that it might very well be taken up by the committee—the housing of the women—especially the gentlewomen—who work. I have recently obtained the papers of one such house—the Brabazon House. It accommodates about fifty ladies on terms which are really astonishing. A resident may live there, and live well, on about 17s a week, including everything—breakfast, dinner, tea, supper, rent of a bedroom, and washing. I look at the prices charged at men's clubs. The dinner which at Brabazon House can be had for ninepence would at certain clubs of which I know cost at least three times as much. The breakfast which here costs 4 1-2d. would be certainly a shilling; or eightpence at the club. But there are so few places like Brabazon House. What are fifty ladies out of so many? Therefore I think that the Bureau might very well have a sub-committee to consider the housing, and to form some kind of company for the creation of other homes.

Such a company must be self-supporting; it must pay a dividend, but it must not aim at more than the average interest paid by Corporation Stock—say 3 per cent. Meantime Brabazon House shows how such an institution may be made to pay. Does it not also show that there must be something very wrong in the administration of those clubs in which the balance-sheet betrays every year a loss of hundreds in the coffee-room alone? And does it not indicate a new field for women's work in the management of clubs? A lady housekeeper who would check every item, who would insist upon knowing what became of all the provisions, who would examine every bill, who would look into all the waste, would be simply invaluable for a club. I throw out the suggestion for the committees of clubs to consider. Imagine the joy of the members at finding the yearly loss becoming a yearly profit and at the lowering of the charges for luncheon and dinner by fifty per cent.—and all done by the quiet lady who sits invisible in her own room, or, like Quilp's dog, is found sometimes on one side and sometime on the other, so that no one knows where she may turn up! "Sir," said a man at the club to whom I imparted this brilliant idea, "all the servants would leave at once." So they would; so they would; and what a good thing that would be!

In the course of my last week's travels I read three new novels. One of these is a work of great cleverness, and contains passages of strength and vividness, albeit with too much straining after effective words. It is "Our Lady of Darkness," by Benjamin Swift." Because the book is not feeble I make a few notes and queries about it. First, when a novel depends a great deal on the setting and the scenery it is, of course, necessary that such should be true and real. Now, I find in an account of the market place of Liege, in the month of August, 1785, or thereabouts, "crates of Russian cranberries glowing like braziers, pomegranates bleeding fire, burning globes of oranges, and apricots pearly pink." About the cranberries. They get ripe about the end of August or the beginning of September; those seen by the hero were therefore cranberries of the year before, which is absurd. But by what methods of communication could Russian cranberries reach Liege, over 1,500 miles, in 1785? Then about those pomegranates. They grow and ripen in the south of Africa and the south of Europe. Was there any importation of this fruit into Flanders in 1785? And if so, was there time to carry the newly ripened pomegranate all the way to Liege by the month of August? Was the pomegranate ripe so early? As for the oranges, I need ask no questions, because it is within the memory of everybody over forty that no oranges came to the north of Europe till the beginning of the year. In another place we read of guava jelly. I doubt very much whether guava jelly was known in France in the last century. It may have been, of course, but I have never, to my recollection, come across any mention of the thing as an article of commerce.

Next, there are one or two little historical points. The famous Chevalier d'Eon is represented as a "decaying old boy" in 1789, "dying presently in poverty." In 1789 he was in his sixty first year; he lived till 1810, and he had a pension of £2,000 a year from George III. Moreover, was he in Paris in that year? He offered his valuable sword to his native country, but I believe that his services were not accepted, and that he was placed on the list of *emigres*. Again, my author speaks of Voltaire as if he were still living in 1789. "Voltaire," he says, "may value his works commercially at ten sous or fifty"—but Voltaire died in 1778.

Again, there is a language of melodrama and a language of romance, a language of comedy and a language of tragedy. Allowance must be made but allowance is limited; special language must not be carried too far. In none of these languages can we allow a village girl to make, or to understand, classic allusions. The legend of Narcissus surely has never yet reached a Flemish village. Nor can we possibly accept the following as speech likely to be uttered by a peasant girl even though she pretends to have had a Vision of the Virgin. Imagine, if you can, such a girl talking like this, or even under the influence of the strongest emotion, and remember that she was only pretending—at least that seems the meaning of the story:—

"It was a rose, Monsieur, out of which a face grew like a pomegranate blossom—a face, and then all down to her pink feet that set the wind blowing of the wood. Within her hair were little nests of light, glowing green and violet, that came and went, or broke and were scattered into a rain of golden strands. . . . All about her and above me was a low, thick murmur of voices that I could not understand. But sometimes I thought I saw the brown, fearful eyes of the birds people to be from under the hanging fronds of fern, flapping to put their lips to the white buds of her feet. Then her eyes gathered me to their embrace, and I sailed in a blue sea, and was taken into the arms of the wind and kissed so that I seemed passioon."

Even in the language of romance can we receive this speech from a Flemish village maiden?

The last point is also historical. My author introduces into the Flemish village, or the woods hard by, a Cagot. Do you know what a Cagot is? No one knows; only, many years ago, I read a book all about the Cagots, and this strange people struck my imagination. The Cagots were a race apart, who lived in the country north and south of the Pyrenees. They were held accursed for some unknown reason. They were kept separate. No one would associate with them or intermarry with them. Were they known at all in Flanders? I can find no hint anywhere that they were. Were they known in Paris in the eighteenth century? I can find no trace of such knowledge. There were several kinds of people in France held accursed—the Cagots in the south, the Colliberts of Poitou, the Marrons of Auvergne—but each of these tribes belonged to its own district. One never hears of a Collibert being received with contumely out of Poitou, or a Cagot away from the Pyrenees. Moreover, Liege had its own accursed race all to itself—the "Oisellers," who continued in contempt till their register was destroyed in 1740. As the Cagot in the novel plays a not inconsiderable part, one seems justified in objecting that neither in Flanders nor in Paris would the contempt for this people exist; nor would there be any knowledge of them; nor would there be any laws in Flanders about their isolation. If "Benjamin Swift's" work was going to drop and be forgotten, like most of the novels of the day, it would not be worth while to offer these remarks.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AND BAZAAR AT PAREL CONVENT.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

NAVSARI, Dec. 21.

It is seldom that the Parel Convent is brought before the public. This Convent, which is under the Nuns of Jesus and Mary, is now almost fifty years in existence. It was to raise funds for the building of a Hall in commemoration of the "Golden Jubilee" of the Convent, which will take place next year, that the bazaar was organized.

The stalls were five in number, and were held by the ex-students of the Convent, namely:—Miss D'Souza, Miss M. Costa, Miss Denning, Miss Rudeck, and Miss Kerswood. Thanks to the friends of the Convent, the business was rapid, and the bazaar together with raffles, realized a sum of Rs. 800. The attendance was very large, notwithstanding the bazaar at St. George's Hospital, which took place that same evening.

His Grace the Archbishop of Bombay, Theodore Daloph, S. J., was unavoidably absent, and his place was taken by Very Revd. Father Hoene, S. J., Vicar-General.

Very Revd. Father Hoene, S. J., arrived together with three or four other priests, at about 5-15. After visiting the stalls, the Fathers went up to the Hall, which had been prettily decorated and their presence was announced by an "Ovation." The verses of welcome were recited by Miss Cobb, at the end of the recitation was perfect. Miss Sophie Smith, a girl of about nine years, kept the audience enraptured with her graceful dancing "Minuet," and her recitation of "How her Grandmother behaved Long Ago." She was encored, but would not be persuaded. She gave a part of it over again. "The Ladies of Athens," performed by the senior students, was a grand success, and was received with applause. To which of the following young ladies the palm should be given would be hard to decide:—Miss Faucourier, Miss Bolth, Miss Mangon, Miss Cotton, Miss Johnson, Miss Mehrvjee, Miss Arianna, Miss Vowels, and Miss Burns Bat, I think, Miss Cotton deserves especial mention as "Zantippe," wife of "Socrates," whose role she played to perfection.

The junior students gave "The Fan Philosophy," which was exceedingly pretty. The charge of the Light Brigade" and Sword Drill" by the senior students was voted by many as the "best" piece of the evening," the young ladies in their uniforms, would have softened even "the Hearts of the Boers." A Fantasia by the senior students, was by far the prettiest in the programme. The young ladies dressed in pink, with butterflies fluttering in their hair, went through a number of pretty tableaux, each being vociferously applauded. The music which included the piano, harmonium, violin, guitar and mandoline quite enchanted the audience. Special notice may be made of Miss Anna D'Costa, who presided almost the whole evening at the piano, and almost enhanced her headers with the guitar.

The prizes were given to the successful students, by Very Revd. Father Hoene, S.J., who also delivered an appropriate speech, in which he rightly praised Revd. Mother St. John, the superioress, who by her motherly attention and unceasing care, has endeared herself to one and all. In course of his speech he remarked that the Parel Convent had now stood for 35 years, when weak voices from the back were heard saying "not thirty-five, father, but nearly fifty." The National Anthem brought the evening to a close. The nuns deserve great credit, as to them is due all thanks for the training of their girls in the ways of goodness, as well as making them fit to shine in society.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

ENTRIES FOR TO-DAY'S RACES.

Ship's boats (any rig) Handicap race to start at 2-55.

Boat's name.	Entered by.
R. I. M. Dockyard Cutter	Mr. A. Monk.
R. I. M. Dockyard Gig	Commr. F. H Elderton.
H. M. S. Assaye's Cutter	Sub-Lt. A. W Ruthell.

Course No. 8, viz, from Committee Vessel round North Karanja Buoy, and round Tucker Beacon, leaving both to port, thence round North Karanja Buoy, leaving it to starboard and finishing at Committee vessel.

'TOMTIT' CLASS RACE—start at 3-0 p.m.

Boat's name.	Entered by
Britannia	Col. J. L. Govan.
Tomtit	Mr. H. H. Hopkins.
Coralie	Mr. C. H. Byrne
Maud	Mr. G. T. W. Oliver.

Course No. 15, viz., from Committee vessel round Tucker Beacon, leaving it to port, round the two Red Channel Buoys, W.-N.-W. and N. of Butcher Island, respectively, leaving both to starboard, round B. W. H. S. Buoy, N.-N.-E. of Elephanta, leaving it to starboard and furnishing between mark-boat and Hog Island Bunder.

YACHT'S HANDICAP RACE to start with Handicap allowances in hand, first yacht going at 3-5.

Yacht's name.	Entered by
Melody	Mr. J. B. K. Macbeath,
Turquoise	Mr. E. S. Luard.
Pixie	Mr. G. E. Howse.
Mannikin	Officers, R.A.
Nanta	Mr. G. T. W. Oliver.

Course No. 15., viz., same as above.

MILITARY NOTES.

Captain Grove on promotion from the 24th Field Battery, Peshawar, has been posted to the 5th Field Battary, Fermoy and ordered home.

Captain Emery on promotion from the Depot, Royal Field Artillery, Woolwich has been posted to the 49th Field Battery at Belgaum.

Captain Morris, 30th Field Battery, Fyzabad has been posted to N. Battery, Royal Horse Astillery, Woolwich and ordered home.

Captain Le Mottee, now on leave in England, has been transferred from the 12th Field Battery, Meerut, to the 43rd Field Battery, Shorncliffe.

Captain Poole, now on leave in England, has been transferred from the 11th Southern Division, Roorkee, the 32nd Southern Division Cork Harbour.

Lieutenant Crofton, Hazara Mountain Battery, now on leave in England has been posted to the 4th Southern Division, Garrison Artillery, Portsmouth.

On the demobilisation of the Khyber Brigade Lieutenant Tandy and 2nd Lieutenant Sanders, R. E., No. 6 Company, Bengal Sappers and Miners, are posted to the Military Works in the Bengal and Punjab Commands, respectively.

OWING to the unhealthiness of the British troops located at Cnerat during the summer months, due to insufficient barrack accommodation, it is under consideration to send some 400 or 500 men from Peshawar Valley to the Murree Hill next hot season, the troops being located on the Khan Spur, which was cleared and levelled by No. 4 Company, Bengal Sappers and Miners, during the past summer.

THE FUNERAL OF THE SIR DESAI OF SAWANTWADI.

STORY OF A NECROMANCER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The stories of dead bodies resuscitated by saints or necromancers have been long remitted to the region of fable. But still there are many persons, steeped in the literature and philosophy of the West, whose faith has not wavered an inch from them. The Sir Desai of Sawantwadi breathed his last on the 14th instant, at 4.30 p.m. The funeral procession left the palace at 7-30 and reached the Royal Cemetery at 9 p.m. There some mischievous persons suggested the idea of having the dead body resurrectionized by a necromancer, who had put his appearance in the town half a year ago and had also found admission into the palace. The Political Officer, Mr. Walsnand, and Captain Wareford having returned to their bungalows, leaving the corpse in the charge of the officers of the palace-establishment the necromancer was then sent for, without consulting with the relatives of the Sir Desai. He arrived in a carriage, belonging to the State, on the spot, and like the witches in Macbeth, began to chant his spells. He manipulated the legs of the corpse and muttered something in its ears. But he soon got tired of his process and under the pretext of bringing some medicinal herbs, took to his heels. His whereabouts are not yet known. The whole night the corpse was lying in a tomb in the cemetery. The next day the body was cremated. This doleful incident is looked upon by the entire public as an indignity offered to the corpse of the Sir Desai. According to the Hindu religion the remaining of a dead body, uncremated for a long time, is considered a sinful act, doing immense injury to the soul of the deceased. The Hindus never allow a necromancer to touch a corpse. His very touch is looked upon as the pollution of the body. It is the duty of Mr. Walsh, the Political Superintendent and the State Karbhari to institute a sifting inquiry into this matter and find out and punish the culprits who first admitted the necromancer into the palace and thus outraged the religious feelings of all the members of the Sir Desai's household and the Hindu inhabitants of this State by the abominable sacrilege.—Yours, &c.,

MAHRATTA.

Sawantwadi, Dec. 19.

*** We publish the above with all reserve without in any way guaranteeing its accuracy.—ED. *B. G.*

GIRGAUM GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The annual distribution of prizes to the successful pupils of the Girgaum Girls' High School took place last evening at the town hall, the Honourable Mr. Justice Candy presiding.

The proceedings opened with a pianoforte solo by Miss Ethel Sweeny, followed by a series of songs and drills, which were very well rendered by the children.

The Rev. W. A. Roberts read the report for the past year from which it appeared that the present year has again been a chequered one in the school history, the early part of the year was passed for the third time under the dark and terrible shadow of the Plague. In March and April it came nearer than ever before—up to our very doors. One of our teachers, and one who in an exceptional degree had won the affection of our little ones, was the first to suffer. Later on, several servants were attacked and they succumbed. The attendance at school was reduced to about half the usual number. In one standard, one pupil alone remained. The year opened with a roll of 134, and ends with a roll (not including exceptional pupils) of 133. The number admitted throughout the year was 46, and the number who left—45. Notwithstanding adverse circumstances, the attendance has been on the whole as good as could be expected, viz. 77·2 per cent. The work of the school has continued as steadily and well as possible under the circumstances. Two departments especially have received a great accession of strength during the current year viz. the Training and Kindergarten Departments. Our society has been most fortunate in being able to send out to our work here two fully trained qualified missionaries for these two most important spheres of work. The Drawing Class has continued, though the work like that of the rest of the school has suffered from plague. Next year we have to make a new departure. A gentleman, well known in Bombay, has undertaken to organize the teaching of drawing on a new basis. Needlework has been receiving increased attention during the term, and a cutting-out class has been formed, and different kinds of fancy work, gold and silver embroidery, fancy work, crochet, and taking are being encouraged. Our aim in this and all kinds of work is, that girls in learning school subjects may find helpful and possible. Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Watson kindly examined the needlework this year. Mr. Oliver examined the school on Tuesday, December 5th and he reports favourably on this English, French, English and Indian classes. Arithmetic, Recitation, and Geography in all the standards. He notices that the maps are well drawn and the note books neatly written. Notwithstanding many of the calls at this time of the year, and especially as this Junction of War and famine, our friends have again most generously added us with our prizes and prize fund.

Mrs. Candy next gave away prizes to the successful pupils.

The Chairman in addressing the meeting said he offered on behalf of the whole company their most hearty thanks to Miss Edge and her colleagues for the pleasing entertainment which they had given them that afternoon. Not only did the efforts of the children please them, but when one remembered how they showed such skill in singing and in drills demonstrated what unvarying diligence Miss Edge and her assistants must have devoted for the instruction in them. It was very pleasing to see the people of differ nt communities joining together in giving their children the advantages offered by the school. From his thirty-four years' residence in this country he had found that female education in Bombay had made wonderful progress. Thirty-four years ago there was hardly any girls' school in Bombay, and he though even the Alexandra Girls' School which was founded by the late Mr. Manikji Cursetji, the pioneer of female education in the Presidency, had not then come into existence. Referring to the house in which the Girgaum Girls' School was at present located, the chairman remarked that that house revived in his mind a happy memory, for it was the residence of his sister in law Mrs. H. Thomson, with whom the work done by the Girgaum Mission Church since it was established in Bombay, and in concluding his remarks again congratulated Miss Edge and her colleagues for the excellent results they had achieved.

On the motion of Lieutenant Colonel Freeman, seconded by Mr. Morris, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Candy, after which the proceedings terminated.

LECTURE IN BOMBAY.

On Thursday afternoon Captain Lamb, I. M. S delivered a lecture on "Microscopic Animals an Plants" to the ladies of the National Indian Association, who attended in good numbers, at the residence of Mrs. MacArthur. After referring to the difficulty of addressing an initiated audience on a scientific subject, and the general danger of popular science being rendered either too "popular" or too technical, Captain Lamb proceeded to the consideration of microscopic veget

AMALGAMATION OF PRESIDENCY BANKS.

Bank of Bengal, Calcutta, 2nd December, 1899.

THE Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Bengal has sent the following letter to the Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department:—

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India of a copy of a letter addressed by him to the leading Chambers of Commerce in India dated 10th ultimo, calling for an expression of opinion on proposals recently made a relax the restrictions on the business of the Presidency Banks imposed by Sections 30 and 37 of the Presidency Banks' Act, 1876, and asking the Chambers to consider the matter with special reference to the existing capital of the Banks. The letter is accompanied by copies of speeches made by His Excellency the Governor General in Council and the Honourable Financial Member, and I am desired by my Directors to express the satisfaction they experience on learning that, in the opinion of these high authorities, the restrictions imposed by Government on the operations of the Banks have, to some extent, survived the reasons for their imposition, and that it has been decided to consider in no narrow spirit the claims of the Banks for greater freedom of action. They also note that the Secretary of State for India and His Excellency are disposed to adopt the opinion expressed in influential quarters in London that the time has come to revive proposals made on various occasions for the consolidation of the central banking reserves of India by the amalgamation of the Presidency Banks.

My Directors are not at present in a position to discuss this very important question, as the views of the Directors of the other Presidency Banks have not yet been ascertained, but I am to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, copy of a minute on the subject dated 1st March 1897, by a former Secretary of the Bank, Mr. George Dickson, and to add that my Directors are prepared to give respectful consideration to any proposals the Government of India may be disposed to make for the concentration in the hands of one institution of the powers now possessed by the three Presidency Banks.

In the meantime it is thought desirable that I should offer some observations on those subordinate questions to which the special attention of the Chambers of Commerce has been drawn, viz., (1) the relaxation of the restrictions which prevent the Presidency Banks investing in, or advancing against, securities issued by "Assisted Railways" and District Boards with the authority of Government; and (2) the enlargement of the capital of the Presidency Banks.

I have to state, in the first place, that my Directors are of opinion that these restrictions might be withdrawn with safety and advantage without in ordinary circumstances overtaxing the resources of the Banks. The application made by the Bank of Bengal in its letter of 23rd August 1895, for power to invest in or lend upon the scrip of the "Assisted Railways," was made, as explained in the penultimate paragraph of its letter of 6th August 1895, chiefly in the interest of its constituents, and with the object of forming a market in India for these securities. It was not contemplated that the Bank should lock up capital in securities of this kind, or hold them otherwise than temporarily during the period of absorption by the investing public; and the securities of the District Boards would naturally be dealt with in the same manner. My Directors, while desirous of enlarging the Bank's sphere of usefulness, with the aid and approval of Government, in safe and legitimate directions, would not be disposed to countenance any great extension of the Bank's investments in securities which might not be easily realizable.

At the same time my Directors are ready to admit that the ordinary resources of the Presidency Banks are liable to be overstrained at periods when great activity of trade is accompanied by exceptional reductions of Government deposits, or when the import of capital is postponed by the prospect of a fall in sterling exchange; and for a long time past they have been anxious to obtain access to some reliable fund or funds to which resort might be had in times of pressure. They are pleased to see that the Government of India are of opinion that it is time that the central banking reserves were expanded, but they regret that the reference to the Chambers of Commerce directs attention only to the permanent capital of the Banks, without making any mention of other resources that might be employed not only in strengthening the central banking reserves, but in making them more elastic and readily adjustable to the wants of the country.

The resources of the Presidency Banks may be classified as follows:—1st.—Shareholders' capital consisting of paid up capital and reserve funds; 2nd.—Government Deposits; 3rd.—Other deposits; 4th.—Readily expandable resources, which since 1861 have been confined to the borrowing powers of the Banks.

The annexed Abstract Statement of the Working of the Bank of Bengal from 1853 will show that for many years past there has been a steady increase in capital, and a considerable, although varying increase in other deposits; but that the Government deposits instead of increasing with the improvement in the finances of the country, and the additions to the Government Account work devolving upon the Bank, have been greatly curtailed since 1891. I have also to point out that the elastic resources of the Bank have been rendered of little value owing to restrictions imposed by the State.

With regard to the relative proportions between the Government Deposits and the Bank's Cash Balance, to which reference is made in the speeches of His Excellency and the Financial Member above referred to, I am directed to invite attention to the percentages given in the above Statement, from which it will be observed that the average proportion between these Deposits and Cash Balances has decreased considerably of late years. The same return shows further that the proportion of the Government Deposits to the Bank's other resources has also decreased in a very marked degree. According to the Weekly Statement published on 28th November 1899 this proportion had then fallen to 11·3 per cent.

While anxious to see the resources of the Presidency Banks increased during periods of active trade, and especially at times of pressure, my Directors consider it doubtful whether any great increase in the permanent banking capital would not, under existing conditions and restrictions, be productive of greater evil than good. A few years ago the bank funds in India were, for a prolonged period, in excess of requirements; and as a plethora of banking capital is apt to encourage the holding back in the hands of produce, including food grains and the great staple exports, for a rise in prices and to cause unhealthy speculation in securities, it would appear prudent ascertain how far the measures lately taken to steady sterling exchange are likely to bring fresh capital to the country before making any considerable additional to the permanent banking funds. In the opinion of my Directors all that the money markets of India want at present is a provision for expanding resources at times of pressure that will tend to adjust the supply of loanable money to the demand both during the busy and slack season. This is a pressing want in India, and if it could the money markets of India will be liable to oscillate between periods of stringency and periods of plethora and trade will be hampered by corresponding fluctuations in the rates of interest.

In all important commercial countries with the exception of England, all extraordinary demands for money for local purposes (i.e., for internal requirements as distinguished from a foreign drain), are met by the issue of additional currency notes by the central bank or banks, and in England it is the practice of the executive Government at times of extreme pressure, to sanction such issues even though it becomes necessary to suspend the operations of the statute law. In Germany these issues are kept within safe limits by imposing upon the central Bank at 5 per cent. interest charge for the assistance thus received; and in 1891 Mr. Goschen proposed that similar issues should be legalized in England—a moderate charge to be made for a moderate amount, and a heavy charge for excess issues.

As an illustration of the way in which arrangements similar to those existing in Germany would work in this country, I am instructed to append to this letter an extract from the Half-yearly Report of the Bank, dated July 1890, from which it will be observed that the measures adopted by the German Parliament to mitigate the severity of monetary pressure, were anticipated by the Bank of Bengal, with the sanction of the Government of India, during the first half of that year. It will be seen that the charge made for excess issues of notes sanctioned in 1890 was the same as that adopted by the German Parliament in 1891, and that the action taken by the Bank was entirely successful.

In India some facile method of expanding banking resources is all the more necessary, because, owing to the difference between the extent of business transacted during the dry and rainy seasons, and to the large temporary absorption of coin in the produce districts when the important crops are being brought to market, the variation in the demands on the central banking reserves is greater in India than in any other important commercial country.

Prior to 1st March 1862, the Presidency towns of India possessed a bank paper currency capable of being expanded when an increase in the demand for money arose. The Bank of Bengal had the power of issuing currency notes to the extent of two crores, subject only to the proviso that it should keep coin in its vaults to the amount of one-fourth of all claims outstanding, payable on demand; and the Banks of Bombay and Madras could also expand the circulation in accordance with the wants of the moment on the same easy terms. But since the paper circulation was taken over by the Government of India on the above mentioned date, the only means by which the Presidency Banks have been able to enlarge the irresources at times of pressure has been by borrowing; and as they hold the central banking reserves in India, and are forbidden to borrow outside India, their powers of borrowing are very limited. The transfer of the Government balances and the management of the Public Debt Office to the Banks in lieu of their note issues, may have been considered an equivalent, as far as the Banks were concerned; but this change in the arrangements deprived the Indian markets of the privilege of a monetary circulation capable of facile expansion which all countries except England enjoy, and which, while little missed in a country like England where the use of money is so largely superseded by bank cheques and transfers, is of supreme importance to a country such as India where, as already explained, the variations in the demands for money are sudden and excessive. When the Reserve Treasuries were formed in 1876, it was hoped that they would furnish a fund on which the Presidency Banks might rely in times of stress, on the conditions laid down in the Comptroller General's letter to the Bank, No. 1341, dated 25th September 1876, a copy of which is appended; and the expansion of the central banking reserves at times of pressure from these funds and from the general Treasury balances has been urged of late by witnesses before the Indian Currency Committee, and more recently by the Chairman of the Chartered Bank of India, and by the Indian Chambers of Commerce. This resource, however, while considered sufficient under ordinary circumstances, is liable to fail when advances are most wanted, viz., at times of famine, as, for instance, at the present time; and I am instructed to respectfully suggest that a more reliable resort for money at times of pressure is available in the coin reserve of the Paper Currency Department.

The suggestion which my Directors would make is that when the Bank rate rises to a height that indicates undue pressure, the Presidency Banks may be able to rely on procuring loans through the Comptroller General either from the Reserve Treasury, or, failing this, from the Paper Currency Reserve, at the current rates for demand loans on Government Paper, rising and falling therewith.

In submitting this suggestion my Directors desire me to state that it is made with the sole object of ensuring a steady supply of loanable capital at moderate rates. These loans would yield profit to Government, and benefit all who are interested in a steady money market, while the Bank would undertake, without profit to itself, the risk and labour involved. My Directors would also submit that the Paper Currency Reserve is the most suitable fund to devote to this purpose, not only because it is large and steady, and, as experience has shown, would have been found ample from first to last to have relieved each monetary pressure from which India has suffered, but because it is to the Paper Currency that other nations look for assistance at times of monetary strain, and if effect is given to the proposal now made, the elasticity of the central banking resources, of which the Indian money markets were deprived by the transfer of the Paper Currency to Government, will be restored.

I am also directed to represent to His Excellency in Council that the power of the Presidency Banks to expand resources when required has been greatly crippled by Section 30, clause *m*, *m*, of the Presidency Banks' Act of 1876, which forbids them to borrow outside of India. The inconvenience of this restriction became early apparent and, in September 1877, the three Presidency Banks joined in a memorial to Government praying that they might be empowered:—1st.—To borrow either in England or India. 2nd.—To make remittances to England in payment of the price of stock or other authorized investments, and also in repayment of loans arranged for there.

A copy of the above memorial is submitted with this letter, and I am instructed to point out that the adoption of the gold standard has removed the only important reason for depriving the Presidency Banks of access to the great store of banking capital available in London. I am directed to press respectfully for reconsideration of the decision of the Government to prohibit borrowing in London, and to ask for power to enter upon all sterling operations incidental to borrowing in that market.

In making this request, my Directors would desire me to mention that in the speech of His Excellency the Governor General, to which the attention of the Chambers of Commerce is directed, it is suggested, as one of the reasons for its institution, that the central bank would have access to the London market. They are therefore encouraged to entertain the hope that the application of the Presidency Banks for permission to borrow in London will now be favourably received, as access to the London market is quite as essential, if not more so, for the Presidency Banks as for a large central bank.

If these three stores of money, viz., the Reserve Treasury Balances, the Paper Currency Reserve, and the London money market are made available, it is unlikely that banking resources in India will be found deficient. Loans from the Reserve Treasury Balances have occasionally been withheld, my Directors understand, from the Presidency Banks on the ground that the money might be employed in enabling Exchange Banks to postpone purchases of council bills and lower rates, but rules could easily be framed that would guard against any such use of Government money and if this is considered to be a good reason for withholding temporary accommodation from the Presidency Banks, there might be still greater objection, on the same grounds, to a permanent addition to their capital, such as that referred to in the letter to the Chambers of Commerce.

The paid up Capital of the Bank of Bengal is rupees two crores and its Reserve Fund now amounts to rupees ninety-five lakhs—substantial additions having been made to it in recent years. Under sections 10 and 13 of the Presidency Banks' Act, 1876, the Proprietors and Shareholders have power with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council to increase the capital by special resolution to the extent of one crore of rupees; and if the restrictions as to the class of business open to the Presidency Banks are relaxed and their powers of borrowing are enlarged, the Directors of the Bank of Bengal will watch carefully the effect of these changes on the supply and demand of loanable money, and be ready to submit to the shareholders proposals for obtaining the sanction of Government to enhancing the Bank's capital whenever it may appear advisable. They are sanguine that it will be practicable to raise any such additional capital as may be considered necessary by the issue of shares at a considerable premium.

I am to add that, if in the future the Directors find that even this enhanced capital should prove to be insufficient, they will be prepared to approach Government with the object of obtaining larger powers to still further increase it.

In addition to this if it should be considered by the Government of India to be essential that the Bank's capital should be placed on a sterling basis, my Directors will ask the shareholders for authority to make application to Government for the necessary powers. If however, the measures taken to fix sterling exchange prove effective, it will naturally follow that all Government currency in India will have a sterling basis.—I have, &c.,

(Sd.) W. D. GRUICKSHANK,
Secretary and Treasurer.

SHOOTING FATALITY BY ARMED RUFFIANS AT POOTUNG.

SHANGHAI, November 23rd.

At the Mixed Court yesterday morning, before Mr. S. F. Mayers (British Assessor) and the Magistrate (Weng) particulars of a fatal fracas at Pootung were made public by Inspector Reed, in an application for the issue of warrants for the apprehension of some half dozen well-known loafers. It seemed that on Monday evening, a gang of men, almost all of whom have been convicted of the commission of violent offences, and who appear to have banded themselves together in the country behind Pootung, turned upon the premises of the Standard Oil Company at Pootung and demanded by menace the payment of a certain sum of money from one of the native employees there. The last named refused to comply with their demand, whereupon he was felled to the ground with the butt end of a gun carried by one of the evident leaders of the rabble. A number of coolies employed by the Company sent for the assistant wharfinger, Mr. David Marshall, who on making his appearance was deliberately fired at by one of the men. The bullet, however, missed him, as Mr. Marshall realising in time his danger evaded the miscreant and escaped merely with a graze. The bullet lodged in the breast of one of the gang, who succumbed to the wound shortly after his admission to St. Luke's Hospital. The rest of the men closed off on seeing the fate of their luckless companion, but as nearly all of them are well known there is no reason to doubt that they will be arrested in the course of a few days. The necessary warrants were all issued. It should be added that soon after the occurrence a *tipao* presented himself at the wharf ostensibly to make enquiries in the discharged of his "official" duties. He was alleged to be concerned in the *melee* as detained by Mr. Bentley, the chief wharfinger, and is now in custody.—*S. D. Press.*

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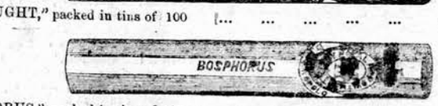

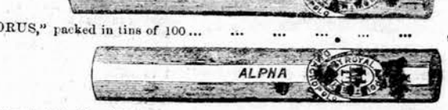

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SHORT velvet jackets, adorned with cloth revers and bound round the edges with cloth, are becoming very modish.

Many country house entertainers have decided to put off their balls and dances in view of the fighting in the Transvaal.

The newest vests for winter gowns are made of velvet, particularly of watered, crystallised, powdered and pin-spotted velvets.

In Benahy Main, according to a writer in a religious paper, the women-folk are too busy with the bookmakers to care for the bairns.

It is stated that in London there are no fewer than 10 000 professional musicians of various grades, and that more than half of them are women.

The employer of a Melbourne housemaid has recently discovered that in her spare time her neat-handed Phyllis is a teacher of the violin, and that she receives letters addressed to her as "Professor of Music."

The dislike of all classes in this country of President Kruger is amusingly illustrated by the act of a lady attendant in a certain public library. One of the books issued therefrom has an advertisement which contains a portrait of the wily Boer. To show her aversion to that individual, the lady has fiercely stamped him over the eye with the library mark.

A charming fashion for shoes is just now in vogue. This is to use tooled leather for shoes and slippers, of the same kind that is used in book binding. Coloured straps, worked with beads, cross at the instep, and look most attractive. Another idea is to have green and black leather shoes, with silver buckle and big bow of ribbon.

According to the "Hospital," there is a plethora of nurses for the seat of war. The Red Cross Society has been inundated with applications from all sorts and conditions of women who were anxious to give their services to the wounded. The intention did them credit, but it has been pointed out to them that some special training is necessary, and that to be merely "thoroughly domesticated," as some of them have said they are, is not a sufficient qualification for a nurse.

The latest society fad is to place your faith in dreams, and to order your day by what you have dreamt about at night. If you dream of elder flowers, thorns, thistles, or plum-trees, either in fruit or flower, you are supposed to have bad luck for twenty-four hours. If, on the other hand, your wanderings are through oak and apple trees, and you should meet a fig tree on the way, you will have a very long life. To dream of a four-leaved clover is to have great good luck, both in marriage and cards.

The taste for plaids and tartans, always so pronounced in Paris, has taken on very much indeed here (says "Myra's Journal"), not only for smart gowns but for tailor coat and skirt costumes. Many brilliant gowns of genuine Scottish tartan (even the more brilliantly coloured ones like the Royal Stuart) are seen; but as a rule the plaids are fanciful and of more subdued, harmonious colouring. Green and mauve plaid is a favourite, and some very beautiful green and blue plaids are being largely patronised. These fanciful plaids are by the by, almost exclusively of French manufacture.

The Queen's Drawing-room always takes place at Buckingham Palace during the afternoon. When the Queen is present, the lady, in addition to the low Court-curtsey accorded to the Royal Princesses, is required to kiss Her Majesty's hand, or rather touch it in the highest possible fashion with the lips. And if the lady happens to be a debutante, and either a Peeress of the realm or the daughter of a Peer, she has a traditional right to a kiss from the Queen either on the cheek or on the forhead by way of acknowledgment. In kissing the Queen's hand the lady presented does not take hold of Her Majesty's fingers, but merely supports the Royal hand upon her arm just above the wrist.

A German physician formulates an indictment of the veil as a cause of acne rosacea affecting the nose, says the "British Medical Journal," and he relates a number of instances in which young women, otherwise in excellent health, developed this distressing condition con-equent upon the habit of riding, cycling, &c., in veils. His view is that the lesson is caused by the friction of the skin against the veil, impregnated with moisture from the breath, the effect being exaggerated by the tightness with which it is necessary to attach the veil when indulging in athletic pursuits. The remedy is obviously to abandon the use of the veil or to wear it loose, anointing the nose with lanolins or other suitable lubricant.

Christine Nilsson the famous singer is the daughter of a labouring man. Her extraordinary musical gifts showed themselves very early. She played the violin and flute at fairs and other places of public resort. One day, in her fourteenth year, she was playing at the fair of Ljungby, when she attracted the attention of a gentleman of influence, who rescued her from her vagrant life, and took upon himself the care of her education. Thirty-two years ago she appeared for the first time in London, at Her Majesty's Theatre. Her triumphs in Europe, and America have rarely been equalled. Since her first marriage in 1872, Christine Nilsson's public appearances were extremely rare. It is more than a quarter of a century since she last sang before a London audience.

Card-playing seems to be resuming its old place in the affections of ladies, says the "Graphic." At the beginning of the century the whist or cribbage table was the usual accompaniment of an evening at home. Old ladies made up their card parties in the country with the help of the doctor or the clergyman, played penny points and revoked cheerfully at regular intervals. Then card-playing dropped out of fashion, the smart people thought it tiresome and only the family round game for the children at Christmas was indulged in under protest. Now women have taken to cards again. But not in modest humdrum fashion, but in the spirit of the gambler. Whist, under the latter day appellation of bridge, or poker, the brazen American game, where to bluff is to win, and the honours go to the greatest effrontery, are the fashionable pastimes. Money seems plentiful, and many a lady thinks nothing of losing or winning a sum of £40 nightly.

By paying an early visit to the shops which deal in Christmas goods, you have the advantage of seeing all the toys, and other things in their freshness. The mechanical toys are one of them broken, nor have the dollies lost any of the beauty of their brilliant pink and white complexions. The show-rooms are not uncomfortably crowded. You can move comfortably from counter to counter, and you find that the shop assistants have plenty of time to answer your questions, and to supply your wants. A little later on in the month, they are often so driven for time, and so bewildered by crowds of customers, that it seems positively to worry them more than one can possibly help. There are many other advantages, too, from being first in the field, from the customer's point of view, and foremost among these perhaps, is the fact that by doing your shopping slowly and deliberately, and taking your time in choosing suitable gifts, you do not get rushed into buying something which you afterwards find you cannot give to anybody, and which you are most reluctantly compelled, perhaps, to keep for yourself.

Some of the newest cloth gowns are strapped with panne, a very expensive trimming. Another rather costly arrangement consists of panels of caracul, richly embroidered with the finest cut jet. Mantles of fawn, or putty-coloured faced cloth, are made in this way, with alternate panels of the fur and cloth. It seems rather like paralleling the rose, for the fur is quite rich enough without the jet to aid its effect. But now everything is elaborated. Birds' plumes are painted, beaded, or embroidered, and a pheasant's feather seen last week was edged with the small breast feathers of the peacock. This is the sort of thing at which good taste should revolt; but, unfortunately, those who rush after novelties in dress seem ready to accept anything, provided only that it be new.

The long, straight redingote is the latest garment for outdoor wear in the long list of fashion. It very closely resembles the long straight overcoat now worn by the gilded masculine youth. The redingote is an extended sac, and sometimes the trimming gives it a telescopic effect, it seems rather a mistake to put straight lines of fur, or braiding, or passementerie round any garment. Only the tallest figures could wear such with impunity. Black cloth is the most usual material for this redingote, which seems scarcely intended for walking in, since it is almost impossible to pick up the gown under it from trailing in the mud. Strappings from the trimming, sometimes varied with pipings.

China silk is still the usual material for children's frocks for parties. Accordion-pleated or plainly gathered skirts are set into yokes of lace or puffed muslin, or made of bengaline closely tucked or stitched. Knots of satin ribbon make a dainty finish. The sleeves are almost always long enough to reach the elbows. As little girls get very hot in dancing, some mothers prefer that they should have their party frocks cut away about the neck, as when the throat is overheated and much encumbered with collar, ribbon, lace, etcetera, there is considerable risk of chill when the little creatures leave the hot rooms for home. When the frock is cut away thus, there is sometimes a neat little muslin tichu provided made of frilled silk muslin, and available as a wrap for the throat when the ballroom is left and draughty passages preferred by the small irresponsibles. Thick ruffles of lace or chiffon worn round the throat are not advisable, as this is one of the portions of the body where heat is very much felt. Skirts are worn longer by children than they have been for some seasons, but many parents still prefer them short, giving freedom to the active little legs. Tan silk stockings and suede shoes to match are in great request for parties, ranking next to white, and looking quite as well. The pale tan openwork stockings are often embroidered with some little blossom in the colour of the dress or its trimmings. For outdoor wear the Dutch, or Puritan, bonnet is still much worn. Nothing could be more becoming to the fresh little faces framed in bright curls. The lace that trims most of these quaint little, close bonnets is another item in their favour, for there is nothing better adapted to enhance the charm of a pleasing face, whether of child or adult, than the meshes of good lace, or even excellent imitations that Nottingham produces (if it does not be by dint of polishing from the real thing very close examination).

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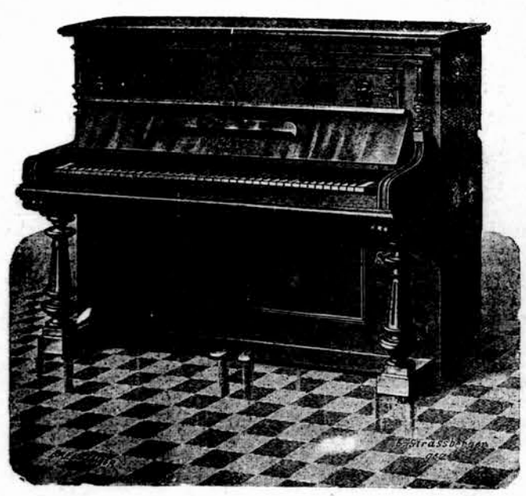

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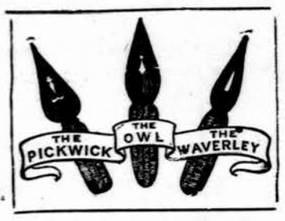

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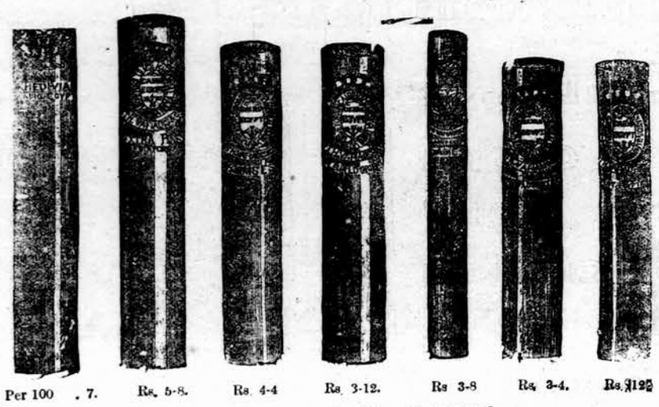

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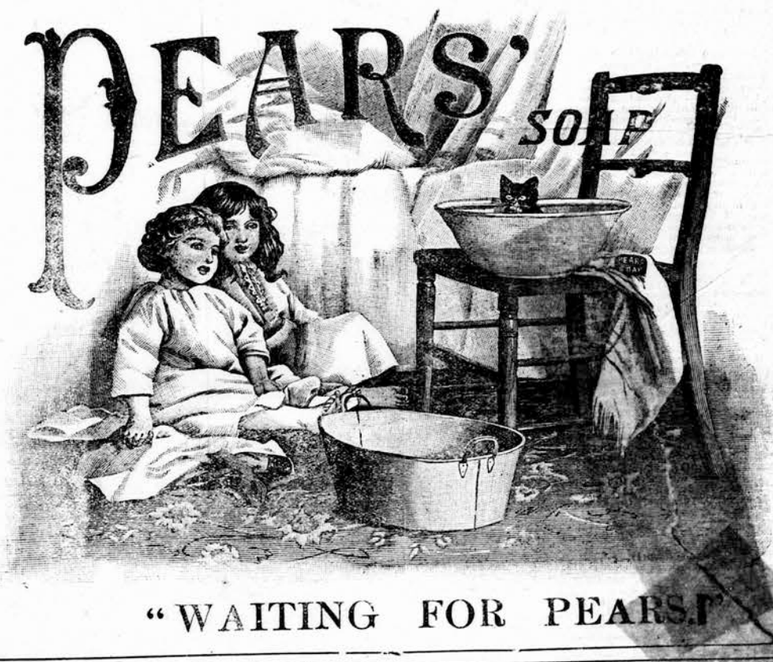

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